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CLAIMS

1(CURRENTLY AMENDED) Shock-absorbing means of attachment for components and printed circuit and component support boards, with a flexible part between its ends, characterised by the fact that it said Shock-absorbing means of attachment comprises at least two ends (EX) each equipped for attachment to a separate object; wherein the improvement is that these two ends (EX) each comprise comprises one of the following elements which are inserted in or attached to the flexible part [[:]]:

- an internal thread (FI) [[:]]
- ~~en~~ an external thread (FE) [[:]]
- a housing (L) to accommodate and maintain ~~one or more conventional or non-conventional means of attachment [[:]]~~ a bolt, screw or rivet head, an eyelet, a whole nut, or a part which is compressed when it is inserted in the housing
- a part which is compressed (PC) when it passes through an attachment hole of a separate object [[:]]
- a retention protuberance or protuberances (PR) [[:]]
- a retention notch or notches (ER) [[:]]
- a hook (C) [[:]]
- a retaining bar (B) ~~for~~ to retain a hook [[:]] ;

~~and characterised by the fact that~~ the above list allows the combination of several fixing means ; once installed in an attachment situation these ~~the two equipped~~ ends (EX) each attached to a separate object are linked to each other only by the flexible part (PS) located between them, and not by a rigid part or combination of parts constituting a rigid assembly: This flexible part (PS) enables these ~~two~~ equipped ends (EX) to be moved with respect to each other in-all directions.

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2 (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Shock-absorbing means of attachment ~~in accordance with claim 1 characterised by the fact that it comprises of claim 1~~ comprises an internal passage (PI) passing through the flexible part (PS) from one end to another end with an external opening at the extremity of this internal passage (PI). This internal passage (PI) allows the insertion of a manipulating and tightening tool and/or a means of attachment like a bolt.

3 (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~Shock-absorbing means of attachment in accordance with claim 1 characterised by the fact that the~~ The housing (L) of claim 1 comprises walls (PL) which move apart from each other when a means of attachment is installed in the housing (L); The housing (L) is realized in an elastic and resilient material.

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